

REMARKS

The Office Action dated May 20, 2004 has been fully considered by the Applicant. Claims 1, 2, and 10-12 are currently amended; claims 6-8 have been previously presented; and claims 3-5 and 9 have been canceled. Claims 13 and 14 have been added.

Claims 1-3, 6-9 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,611,270 to Hosotani. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to further define that the control means for the display which continue to operate the system until a request to draw into a data buffer memory of the display or create a new region on the display is received upon movement of an area of a first on-screen display or deletion of a region of the first on-screen display respectively. The '270 patent to Hosotani does not disclose this feature and therefore reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

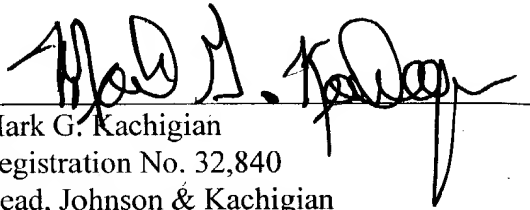
Examiner Wu has indicated that claims 4, 5 and 10-12 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant's new independent claims 13 and 14 include the limitations of claims 4 and 5 respectively. In accordance with Ex parte Quayle, these claims have been allowed and prosecution on the merits is closed.

Applicant believes that the claims as amended herein overcome the prior art and therefore respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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